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SUBJECT: GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR US AMBASSADOR TO THE
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1. STRENGTHEN THE OECD'S EFFECTIVENESS AS AN INSTRUMENT OF
U.S. INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC POLICY

- EMPHASIZE OECD PROGRAM AND BUDGET SUPPORT FOR AREAS IDENTIFIED AS U.S. PRIORITIES.

- ENCOURAGE SUPPORT FROM OECD MEMBERS AND WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT FOR U.S. MINISTERIAL INITIATIVES.

- PROMOTE INCREASED CONTACTS BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND U.S.
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OFFICIALS TO EXPLAIN U.S. POLICY OBJECTIVES.

- ENCOURAGE INFORMAL MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND U.S. EXPERTS AND CONSIDER WAYS OF IMPROVING OECD CAPABILITIES, SUCH AS IN ECONOMIC FORECASTING TECHNIQUES.

- ENCOURAGE NEW U.S. INITIATIVES ON MNE'S IN THE INVESTMENT

COMMITTEE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE GROUPS.

2. SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS IN MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

- ENHANCE THE OECD'S ROLE AS A POLICY COORDINATING FORUM FOR EVOLVING COMPATIBLE VIEWS ON ISSUES AND TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE COMMON POSITIONS FOR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

- WORK TO IMPROVE COORDINATION OF ENERGY POLICIES OF ENERGY CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

- WORK TO IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN IEA AND NEA ON ISSUES WHERE THEIR INTERESTS OVERLAP.

- ENCOURAGE CAREFUL SECRETARIAT HANDLING OF EPC ECONOMIC GROWTH "TARGETING" EXERCISE.

- PROMOTE AN IMPROVED EXAMINATION PROCESS OF SMALL COUNTRIES' ECONOMIES IN EPC'S TEMPORARY WORKING PARTY.

- SUPPORT DEVELOPMENT OF MINISTERIAL-LEVEL CONFERENCE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT AND ANALYSIS IN EPC'S WP-2 AND IN THE MANPOWER AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURAL CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND EFFICACY OF SELECTIVE POLICIES.
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- STIMULATE FURTHER WORK ON DETERMINANTS OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN EPC'S WP-2 AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE.

- ENCOURAGE CONTINUED WORK ON BALANCE OF PAYMENTS DIFFICULTIES AND THE ADJUSTMENT PROCESS IN THE EPC AND ITS WP-3.

- PROMOTE A CONTINUING POLITICAL COMMITMENT BY OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES, AS CURRENTLY EXPRESSED IN THE TRADE PLEDGE, TO AVOID PROTECTIONIST TRADE POLICIES.

- ENCOURAGE FULL UTILIZATION OF OECD CONSULTATIVE MECHANISMS TO DEAL WITH TRADE PROBLEMS BEFORE THEY REACH CRITICAL PROPORTIONS.

- WORK WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION TO FACILITATE AGREEMENT ON A STRENGTHENED OECD CONSENSUS ON EXPORT CREDITS.

- PROMOTE FORMULATION BY MEMBER GOVERNMENTS OF MORE ENLIGHTENED FOOD POLICIES BY ENCOURAGING OBJECTIVE ANALYSIS IN THE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE OF WORLD FOOD PRODUCTION AND TRADE POLICIES INCLUDING THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION OF

AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT.

- SPECIFICALLY ON COMMODITIES, USE THE HIGH-LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES AND ITS WORKING PARTIES TO COME UP WITH A SOUND AND COORDINATED DEVELOPED COUNTRY POSITION ON THE COMMON FUND AND SPECIFIC COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS.

- ACHIEVE CONCRETE PROGRESS IN THE DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF DONOR-COUNTRY AID.

- BY THE END OF YEAR DAC SHOULD DEVELOP FOR XCSS APPROVAL A PROGRAM ON BASIC HUMAN NEEDS WHICH MEETS THE OBJECTIVES OF THE U.S. INITIATIVE.

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- SEE THAT DAC MOVES VIGOROUSLY TO IMPLEMENT SPECIFICS OF THE PROGRAM WHICH IS ADOPTED.

- PRESS FOR CONCLUSION IN THE DAC OF A DONOR COUNTRY AGREEMENT ON UNTYING.

3. IMPROVE STRUCTURE OF THE OECD

- WORK TO IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE THE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE TO MAXIMIZE OECD'S RESOURCES AND EFFECTIVENESS.

- INCREASE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF SECRETARIAT PROFESSIONAL STAFF, INCLUDING CONTINUED EMPHASIS ON GREATER NUMBERS OF QUALIFIED U.S. PERSONNEL.

4. FOLLOW-UP EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS INITIATIVE

- EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE STUDY TO SECRETARIAT AND MEMBER COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

- STRIVE TO COUNTERACT, AS NECESSARY, MEMBER COUNTRY FEARS THAT U.S. SEEKS A BLOC-TO-BLOC APPROACH, OR THAT U.S. SEEKS COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE IN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE EAST.

- SEEK TO DEVELOP, AS APPROPRIATE, MEMBER COUNTRY SUPPORT FOR EVOLUTION OF THE EAST-WEST EXERCISE TOWARD WESTERN COOPERATION IN SPECIFIC AREAS OF EAST-WEST ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

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